

ASHBY ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 24 May 2007 at 7.45 pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall

MINUTES

Present: Robert Todd, Peter Wright, Mark Rolph.

Also Present: Linda Gray (Clerk), Adrian Gunson, County Councillor,
Derek Blake, District Councillor.

Annual General Meeting

1 **Appointment of Chairman**

Robert Todd was proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Peter Wright. As there were no further nominations, agreement was reached unanimously. Robert Todd accepted the post of Chairman. The acceptance of office form was completed by Robert Todd and witnessed by the Clerk.

2 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

Peter Wright was proposed by Robert Todd and seconded by Mark Rolph. As there were no further nominations, agreement was reached unanimously. Peter Wright accepted the post as Vice Chairman. The acceptance of office form was completed by Peter Wright and witnessed by the Clerk.

3 **Ratify the Co-option of a new Councillor**

Carol Powell had expressed a wish to stand again as a Councillor. Robert Todd proposed seconded by Peter Wright. Carol was formally co-opted on to the Council.

4 **Declaration of Interest – All Councillors**

As this was a new term of Council, all councillors were asked to complete and return the Register of Interest forms

5 **Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders.**

The Clerk presented the Financial Standing Orders and Responsibilities of the Parish Council. The model standing orders produced by NALC dated July 2003 will be fully adopted at a later date but reviewed by a sub committee led by Peter Wright also involving Mark Rolph and Terry Kitt.

- 6 **Code of Conduct**, was discussed and it was decided to adopt the Code of Conduct unamended with one exception paragraph 12(2). A resolution was passed to adopt the Code of Conduct including paragraph 12(2) proposed by Robert Todd and seconded by Peter Wright and agreed unanimously.

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1. **Apologies**

Terry Kitt, Carol Powell, Edgar Hoddy, Sarah Cook

2. **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the Agenda.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2007**

The minutes, which had been circulated previously, were approved and signed by the Chairman .

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising, which were not covered by the Agenda

5. Finance

A **Balance of Accounts** Current A/c as at 30 March 2007 £500.00
Business Prem A/c as at 30 March 2007 £1690.17

B Payments

Roberts Printers APM	100194	£ 18.00
Roberts Printers APM	100195	£ 22.00
L Gray APM Refreshments	100196	£ 34.03
SNC Dog Bin Service	100197	£ 59.11
NCAPTC	100198	£ 88.44
Ashby Thurton PFC	100199	£ 7.00
L Gray Salary and Exp	100200	£ 303.17
Ashby Thurton PFC	100201	£ 13.00

The table of payments, proposed by Peter Wright, seconded by Robert Todd and agreed unanimously.

C Receipts

Annual Precept 23.04.07 £1,000.00

D External Auditor for 2006/07 Audit

Chris Dix was appointed as internal Auditor. Proposed by Mark Rolph and seconded by Robert Todd. Agreed unanimously.

6. Correspondence (tabled separately)

Norwich Unitary Bid – Clerk to confirm Parish Council's views had not changed.

7. Planning - Applications

2007/0865 16 St Mary's Road, Ashby St Mary
Proposed two storey extension to rear of property and
Single storey extension to side

Parish Council
Recommendations
Approve with Concerns

Planning Decision From South Norfolk Council

**2006/2666 Land to the rear of Hill House Cottages,
Mill Road, Ashby St Mary**
Proposed new single storey dwelling

District Council
Decisions

Awaiting Decision

2007/0558 16 St Marys Road, Ashby St Mary
Proposed two storey extension to rear of property

Refused

8. Contribution to Grass Cutting At St Mary's Church

After a discussion the Councillors agreed in principle to continue to contribute funds towards the grass cutting. Once a letter detailing the costs involved is received then an amount can be agreed.

9. Village Hall Management Committee Representative

Terry Kitt had expressed a wish to stand as the Village Hall Management Committee Representative. Mark Rolph proposed and Robert Todd seconded and it was agreed unanimously. The clerk will contact and confirm Terry's name with the Village Hall Committee. Mark Rolph is to attend the Village Hall AGM and read the report he would be presenting.

10. Web Site

Mark Rolph gave an overview of the report he presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. Amendments to the Web Site had been made and he was considering the idea of adding a hit counter. The Clerk would contact Carol Powell to organise training on the Web Site. Laminated signs had been produced to be included on the Notice Boards in the Village.

11. Homewatch nothing at present to report.**12. Public Consultation Reports from County and District Councillors****Report from Adrian Gunson,**

Thurton Primary School Planning permission had been approved. The licence for the school to use the Village Hall Playing Field had been obtained.

Hobart High School The Official opening of the new buildings took place on 24 May 2007 by the Duke of Gloucester. The planning application for the All Weather Pitch will be considered by the County Council on 8 June 2007. If approved, construction would start in the summer holidays. The swimming pool refurbishment is still under consideration. A feasibility study to consider yellow lines will take place shortly.

Hellington Corner would receive pink hatching in the centre of the road to highlight the two junctions. A speed limit from the Slad to Framingham Pigot Road of 50 mph is under consideration.

Trowse Traffic Lights the Highways Agency had conducted a survey and proved that a problem of priority exists, a solution is being considered.

Loddon Park and Ride a trial scheme behind the Army Cadet Meeting Room would be conducted soon.

Report from Derek Blake, District Councillor.

Robert Todd, Chairman, congratulated Derek on his re-election to South Norfolk Council.

Planning, the Eastern Area Planning Committee would move to Hobart High School for the next year. The new council intend to support the enforcement process to planning. Affordable housing projects to be further developed this year.

Gypsy and Traveller sites, this is an on going consideration.

South Norfolk Neighbourhoods Panel, to include the Police, Parish Councils and other Community Groups to consider requirements for local neighbourhoods.

Local Development Framework, progress with the framework would now be delayed whilst Broadland and Norwich City Council attain the same position as South Norfolk Council.

Parish & Town Council Conference 22 June 2007, two Councillors to attend if possible.

13. Other Matters for future agendas and items for information

Nothing at present

14. Date of next meeting 19 July 2007

The meeting closed at 9.35pm